

LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS. HAND-BOOK FOR MOTHERS. By E. H. Parker, Hurd & Houghton. Philadelphia Agents: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

MARRIED AT LAST. By Annie Thomas. T. B. Peterson & Brothers. The novel before us presents points of excellence which strongly recommend it as superior to the great majority of modern fictions.

LITERARY NOTES.

Bulls That are Not Irish. From the Round Table.

It is related that the secretary of an English agricultural society received orders from its committee to procure several copies of Mr. and Miss Edgeworth's Easy on Irish Bulls, for the use of members in their labors for the improvement of the breed of cattle.

The philosophers have not been free from bulls. Pythagoras taught the doctrine of metempsychosis, and yet stated that he had seen the souls of Homer, Hesiod, and others tormented, Socrates tells of a Brahmin philosopher whose life had been eminently prosperous, and who burned himself at Athens to prevent a reverse of fortune.

"This incorporeal spirit to smallest forms Reduced their shapes immense and were at large," asks, "If they were incorporeal, what occasion had they to reduce their shapes?"

Lucian makes Prometheus cite a verse out of Homer, in Owen's edition, as the scene of a shipwreck on the coast of Bohemia.

There have been bulls, too, on canvas as well as on the printed page. Burgoanne, in his Travels in Spain, notices a painting where Abraham is preparing to shoot Isaac with a pistol; and in a country church in Germany, the painter, representing the sacrifice of Isaac, places a blunderbuss in Abraham's hand, and paints an angel coming down to pour water on the pan.

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there is an authentic record of a Frenchman, named Calino, who died in Paris not many years ago, who was quite as remarkable as Sir Boyle for a bovine tendency. There is a letter of his in existence, as follows:—"My dear friend, I left my knife at your lodgings yesterday; pray send it to me if you should find it.—Yours, CALINO, P. S. Never mind sending the knife; I have found it."

One winter day, a friend of Calino, walking with him in the garden of the Tuileries, said:—"Calino, I'll bet you twenty francs that you don't walk across the frozen pond yonder on your bare feet."

"Done," said Calino, taking his shoes and stockings in his hand. But when he was half way across he turned around, saying it was too cold to go any further, and "My dear friend, I left my knife at your lodgings yesterday; pray send it to me if you should find it.—Yours, CALINO, P. S. Never mind sending the knife; I have found it."

It was a wise saying of his that "Providence had placed death at the end of life in order to give people time to prepare for it." One day a friend took a knife from him in joke, and said, "I'll bet you twenty francs that you don't walk across the frozen pond yonder on your bare feet."

When his sister-in-law had her first child he could not tell a friend its sex, "because," said he, "I could myself thirty-three, because a little boy was born a year before I was, and died—eventually keeping me back a whole year by accident."

Whenever the paternity of a bull is uncertain an attempt is made to father it on some unfortunate Emeraldal. Yet it was a Scotch woman who said that the butcher of her town only killed half a beast at a time; it was a Dutchman who said a pig had no ear-marks except a short tail; and it was a British magistrate who, being told by a varagond that he was not married, responded "that's a good thing for your wife."

"Parsons, you may have the children, or you have not, your daughters may have." And it was a Western editor who wrote:—"A correspondent asks whether the battle of Waterloo occurred before or after the commencement of the Christian era. We answer, 'No.'"

"Three children all a sliding went, The ice was thin, they all fell in, The rest they run away."

Even John C. Calhoun once, in enforcing the theory that all men are not created equal, remarked that two men were created, one of these was a woman; and President Taylor's "all the world and the rest of mankind" is a household word.

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